

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

April 2006

YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Its official, Arizona now has a Young Ham of the Year Award sponsored by Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA). If you know of a deserving young Arizona ham under the age of 18, make sure you check this out. Since young hams do not have much of a budget, ARCA found someone to donate a new radio or accessory to go along with this award. If that was not enough, I will be donating several ARRL books. This award will be handed out at the Arizona State Convention in Williams Arizona. Nominations can be sent in by any ARCA affiliated club. Nominations are due by May 1, 2006. Rules and forms can be found on the ARCA website

<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

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COTTONWOOD BPL FIELD TRIAL ENDS

The Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) field trial in Cottonwood that started in 2004 has permanently shut down. The Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association (VVARA) had worked long and hard to get the system shut down after it had caused interference in the ham bands. Unfortunately Mountain Telecommunications (MTI) is looking at moving the system to the Phoenix area, where MTI is headquartered. Neither Arizona Public Service nor MTI would tell me their plans. This could be related to the low voltage BPL system that will be installed in the Copper Square condos in downtown Phoenix. Another BPL system that was to be installed in Tucson has also been put on hold after many meetings with Ed Hare W1RFI and myself.

NEW HAMS

The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Warren Ridge KE7GPI, Christopher Walsh KE7GKJ, Michael Buckner KE7GRM, Steven Loucks KE7GIN, Joshua Heaney KE7GRQ, Tim Hamm KE7GIL, Larry Nash KE7GLB, Laurane Nash KE7GLC, James Waite KE7GRJ, Benjamin Coker KE7GKK, Joel Kaffenberger KE7GKZ, George Kinnison KE7GRK, Eric Taylor KE7GRO, Jordan Barton KE7GQU, Brent Pace KE7GRP, Anthony Davit KE7GRN, Stephen Van Herpen KE7GRL, Anthony Hamel KE7GRI, Joseph Kachmar KE7GQM, Lawrence Hazard KE7GKH, Jeff Krueger KE7GKI, Dirk Harris KE7GKF, Damian Lalonde KE7GLA.

HAMFESTS

Springfest March 11 was the wettest hamfest I have ever been to, it rained all day long. Despite the rain several people setup and sold what they could. It was great to see everyone there.

DeVry Hamfest April 8, 2006 sponsored by the Arizona ARC <http://www.qsl.net/w7io> DeVry University 2149 West Dunlap Avenue. Talk-In: 147.06 + (No Tone) Contact: George Cooney, KQ7C georgie@aztecfreenet.org See you there.

Sierra Vista Hamfest May 6, 2006 sponsored by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 162.2), Contact: Pat Thies, KD7HAB 520 227-0142 Email: patkd7hab@aol.com
<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/CARA%20Fest.htm>

White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School, Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ. <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>

Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. The ARCA staff have listened to all of your suggestions and they have come thru with many improvements for the hamfest. They have fully graveled the RV lots, installed a new canopy over the rodeo grandstand, and added more RV spaces. There is now free wireless internet access, shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

SPECIAL EVENTS

First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006

<http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics.

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